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## SB 3085 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

Statement for  
Senate Committee on  
Ecology, Environment and Recreation  
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SB 3085 would revise Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 343-5 to make an addition to the exceptions to requirements for environmental assessments. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The amendment relates to the requirement that environmental assessments be required for action that propose the use of State or county lands. HRS 343-5 already provides an exception to the requirement in the case of funds for feasibility or planning studies. SB 3085 would in addition provide an exception in the case of funds for the acquisition of unimproved real property. Although land is presumably not acquired by the State or county without some intended use or potential intended use, and the use or development for use may well result in a significant environmental effect, the acquisition of the land, per se, will have no such effect. Hence the exception proposed is appropriate.